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ASF to push Nally for \$240,000

The ASF and the NSL buried the hatchet at the weekend.

In an atmosphere described by all sides as "very amicable", the ASF Executive decided to support the NSL in its claim for \$240,000 in sponsorship money alleged to be owed by ASF Marketing Ltd. to the League.

A dispute had arisen out of the arrangements negotiated by the League before and at the beginning of the current season.

ASF Chairman Sir Arthur George who told the meeting he had resigned as a director of ASF Marketing was authorised to negotiate resolution of the conflict with ASF Marketing supremo Patrick Nally of West Nally Ltd. in San Francisco at the time of the Olympic Games.

In turn, the National League has agreed to take no unilateral action pending Sir Arthur George making his report on the outcome of the talks with Nally.

Additionally, the NSL has guaranteed full support for National Team competitions provided it is properly consulted where ASF Marketing is involved in future tour arrangements.

"We feel that the recent World Soccer Series was a total disaster," said NSL Chairman Sam Papasavvas.

"We said beforehand that the tournament was too long, too many teams were involved and 21 games was too many."

"That was the way it turned out. Our competition was suspended for an excessive period and the players were left flat after it ended."

"Additionally, we will make nothing from this year's NSL Cup, whereas last year there was a net profit to the League of in excess of \$100,000."

The League will receive a subsidy of \$30,000 towards Cup costs, which the ASF is set to recoup from West Nally.

Papasavvas added that the ASF had a contract with ASF Marketing Ltd. for 1985.

"As a result of today's meeting the relationship between the ASF and the NSL is as good as it could be," said ASF vice-president Peter McCann.



Enlarging NSL was disastrous

Without any doubt, the most vexed question facing our sport at the moment is the future, or lack thereof, of the NSL. Blame is being apportioned in generous shares between the clubs, their management committee, the ASF and its marketing arm and I have the notion that they are all to blame for the present tragic impasse.

The clubs for their almost total lack of professionalism in the promotion of the sport; the management for its naivete in commercial negotiations and the administration of the NSL, the ASF for its tendency to be wide-eyed and open-mouthed whenever faced with proposed instant solutions by "Experts" and the marketing company for misleading soccer administrators - who do not seem to be able to differentiate - into believing they were receiving a sponsorship handout, instead of signing a commercial agreement.

So, what to do, what to do? Well, I have a few ideas for consideration. Whether the regionalised NSL continues, or reverts to de facto State Leagues in Victoria and NSW, get rid of the padding.

To have increased the number of teams at a time of financial and moral crisis, as was done this year, rather than reduce them and keep only the very best in the top league, was nothing short of disastrous.

It reduced standards and produced even more games almost completely devoid of spectator interest, a situation which, like a cancer, has a tendency to spread far and wide.

Get the ASF to butt out of club affairs and let's have clubs openly identifying with what they see as their best markets, current or targeted, and who cares what they call themselves?

And just as a thought, how about blowing the whistle on the plush cronyism which appears to permeate the game?

If you are wondering what I am talking about, when was the last time a professional appointment in soccer was advertised, with the aim of possibly attracting the attention of capable candidates from other fields of endeavour?

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NOW IT'S NSL No. 7

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Stand by for the seventh version of the National Soccer League.

It appears that the challenge rounds will be scrapped, and that the two Brisbane teams will be relocated from the National Conference to the Australian Conference.

This would give the National Conference 14 clubs, and the National Conference only 10.

By playing home and away, the National Conference clubs would have 26 games each.

The National Conference clubs would have to play each other three times, for a total of 27 games each.

None of this is certain yet, however. The decision rests with the NSL's Council of Clubs, which will consider a number of alternative league formats put forward by the management committee.

It is felt by most clubs, though, that the cost of organising the challenge rounds is out of proportion with income.

Any change to the NSL would result in the seventh format since the league started in 1977, and NSL leaders are adamant that this will be the last!

The league started as a straightforward, 14-club home-and-away championship.

In 1979 a bonus point was awarded for a three-goal winning margin.

In 1980 the bonus point system was scrapped.

In 1981 the league was increased from 14 to 16 clubs.

In 1983 three points instead of two were awarded for a victory.

This year, we have two regions of 12 clubs each, with a number of sub-regions, plus inter and intra-conference challenge rounds, and we're back to two points for a win.

Apart from deciding on the league format, the NSL also has to work out a way to end the 1985 competition by late September, as Australia's World Cup qualifying matches start in early October.

This year's home and away series ends on October 6 — 7 and is followed by a final five series. The regional grand finals are scheduled for October 28 and the home-and-away national final on November 1 and 4.

The Socceros are due to start their world tour in late October, meaning the national final will be played without the best 22 or 23 players in the country.

Sydney City Hakoah, the likely champion of the Australian Conference, would have to make do without John Kosmin, Steve O'Connor, Jim Cant, Joe Watson and Tony Pezzano at least.

South Melbourne Helles would play the final without Alan Davidson, Ken Murphy, Charlie Egan and perhaps Steve Blair and Oscar Grino.

Let's have top stars



By LAURIE SCHWAB

There was a time when the National League was graced by Bobby Charlton, Ray Clemence, Charlie George, Malcolm Macdonald, Mick Channon, Ralph Coates, Graeme Souness, and Roberto Vieri, who stayed on to become the darling of Marconi fans.

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Attila Abonyi in action
for Sydney Croatia.

"In the past year I've been in charge of two NSL clubs, worked with the national team under the most qualified coach in the country, spoken to an array of world-renowned soccer personalities and been sacked."

It's Attila Abonyi speaking — assistant national coach, former coach of Canberra Arrows, Sydney Croatia and Riverwood, and one of the most gifted strikers to have worn the green and gold of Australia.

Abonyi said he had not even had time to think about future national team commitments, as he was at present trying to settle into a new full-time job with AMP Insurance.

Former national team coach Rale Rasic has quit

Abonyi follows Rasic into the world of insurance

By PAUL JAMES

coaching and works for an insurance company.

"My number one priority is trying to get into this job," said Abonyi.

"I think it has great potential."

But he said he had not discounted further national team, or club involvement.

He said as far as the national team went, he was one of three who would be considered for future use by Arrok and the ASF.

"Both Eddie (Thomson) and John (Margaritis) did

fine jobs with the 'B' squad and they both have as much claim for a place on the Socceroo world tour as I do," he said.

"It's up to Frank and the ASF to decide who goes and I'm not going to make any statements that 'I should go' or anything like that."

He said he'd love to get back into club soccer on a part-time basis, but said he was not rushing about offering himself to clubs just yet.

"To be honest, I'm not overly keen on the idea of getting involved with a club midway through the season," he said.

"I did that with Canberra and it just doesn't work out."

"I'd rather start from scratch and do all the pre-season work myself, so that I know what I can build on," he said.

"Maybe if somebody got in touch next week and it was a great offer I'd consider it, but at present I'm not distraught, because I'm not coaching."

As a player, Abonyi had few peers on the Australian scene, playing in 58 full internationals, while earning many honors with his club, St George Budapest.

When his playing career with Saints ended, he moved to Sydney Croatia where he again showed that his skill was more than a match for younger legs by being part of Croatia's 1977 NSW State League-winning side.

Abonyi then turned to coaching and had remarkable success with Croatia and Melita before raising more than a few eyebrows when he went to unfashionable Riverwood and lifted it to a remarkable second place in the NSW State League-winning side.

After a record such as his,

it seems almost ludicrous that Abonyi is now on the outer as far as the Australian club scene is concerned.

"It was quite odd, and yet exhilarating," he said.

Last year he took over the reins of Canberra mid-season, something he says he'd think twice about doing again.

After half a year with the Arrows he was lured back to Sydney by his 'second love', Croatia, to lead it in its inaugural year in the NSL.

But after eight rounds, and with Croatia languishing in the bottom region of the table, Abonyi was dismissed.

Far from being bitter about the sacking, Abonyi treats it as part of his "soccer education."

"Since I stopped playing and started coaching, I've been learning all the time," Abonyi said.

"I suppose you could say that the State League was my high school education and now I'm at university," he said.

Abonyi said the experiences of the past year taught him what could be achieved and what had to be done to survive.

"I don't bear any grudges or bitterness against Croatia," he said.

"I now know what it's like to work under such pressures."

"I'm not saying they were right to sack me, because I still think it was crazy to make a judgement after only eight weeks."

"But I've just chalked it up to experience," he said.

Abonyi said he was still coming down off a high after the international series and the involvement with the Socceroo side.

"Working with Frank (Arrok) was an experience in itself, let alone working with the national side."

"He is the complete coach," he said.

Abonyi said it was fascinating for him, after playing so many times for the Socceroo, to see things from the other side, the coaching side.

"I think there would be much more use in fielding an under 21 side instead of a 'B' team," he aid.

"Let's be honest. There were some players in the 'B' squad who did a fine job but who are unlikely to force their way into the 'A' squad."

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He said the thing he noticed even more than when he was playing was how the whole squad developed a spirit that permeated everything that was done.

"It was more than the 11 players on the field. It was the substitutes, the coaches, manager, trainer, gear steward, everyone..."

"There seems to be this tremendous bond that develops whenever a Socceroo team comes together."

He discounted reports that jealousy had sprung up between 'A' and 'B' teams as "journalistic licence."

He said the 'B' squad obviously had reaped benefits, but he felt the concept needed development and refinement.

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World Series spectacular on 0/28

It was described as the ultimate sporting event ... 28 days in which five major international soccer teams would take on Australia's Socceroo in a glamorous match tournament in preparation for the 1986 Mexico World Cup.

Amid huge publicity, pantomime organisation and headlining controversy, Australian soccer fans and sport lovers in general — seemed set to expect a bonanza of goals from names like Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Glasgow Rangers, Iraklis, and the mighty Juventus of Italy.

For Network 0-28, the tournament meant no fewer than 11 live telecasts with highlights from tournaments other fixtures. Now, in a memorable and absorbing recap of the series, 0-28 presents "World Soccer Series — The Event", a 90-minute sports special premiering tomorrow (Thursday) at 10.10 pm.

Les Murray presents a mix-tape of games, interviews and highlights from the glamour series, a soccer event which produced its share of controversy, elation and bitter disappointment. The Socceroo, under the guidance of the wily, pragmatic Frank Arrok, gained vital experience in their build-up to the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Their opponents, some of the world's top footballers, may not have provided the goal feast so many expected but still managed some vibrant displays of skill and attacking football which should have attracted and satisfied more spectators than became apparent.

In "World Soccer Series — The Event", Network 0-28 recaptures the excitement before, during and after the tournament. Among the games viewers will see are the electric clashes between Australia and Glasgow Rangers in Sydney, and Juventus v Australia at the MCG; the disappointment of Manchester United in the opening game of the series; and Australia's spirited but tired, final performance against Greece's Iraklis in Adelaide.

Hands off our kids, says Adrian Alston

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston has knocked back approaches for his star players.

"Wollongong is a young side and most of the team are still learning. But I hope to re-sign all of the youngsters for next season because they are the nucleus of a good team," he said.

"Some of the teenagers have already attracted attention from bigger clubs and I

MISS JUVE

The final judging of Adelaide Juveniles' Miss Juve will take place at the Miss Juveniles ball on Saturday, September 15, at the Bulgarian Hall, 472 Tapley Hill Road, Fulham Gardens. Tickets are available on 265 9151 or 261 1843.

Swap offer

David Petraske of 2/835 Castle Street, Dunedin, New Zealand, wants to exchange British and NZ football programmes with Australian collectors.

Green was originally a striker but I pushed him back into defence at the beginning of the year and he's made tremendous improvement.

Scott Dickson, whom we signed from Polonia, is another striker who's gone back into defence. Dickson performed extremely well as stopper against Sydney City and was better than when we played him in the front line."

Seventeen-year-old schoolboy Martin Driene, who is making a name for himself with Marconi, may be heading for the World Youth Championships.

Marconi coach, Les Scheinflug, says: "Martin is an aggressive midfielder or fullback with speed, skills and a good soccer brain.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

We're at Olympic Park in Melbourne. It's a Sunday in late November, and 20,000 spectators have come to watch the final of the All Nations Cup between Greece and Italy.

Both sides are stacked with talent. Theo Selemidis, Pashalis Tzitzis, (Heidelberg Alexander), Kris Kallifatis, John Kanakos, Angie Postecoglou (South Melbourne Hellas), Steve Kakantos, Bill Lazopoulos (Western Suburbs) and George Bozikis (Northcote) are in the Greek line-up. Coach John Margaritis is confident of victory.

Rob Terzini, Fab Angelo, Bruno Cozzella, Tiziano Cavallo, Cesare Fattore (Fawkner), Claude Luci (Carrum), Franco Geroni, Andrew Zinni (Juventus), Joe Angel (Heidelberg Alexander) and Fab Mandolini (Green Gully) are in the Italian line-up, under coach Tony Boggi.

The play-off for third place, the curtain-raiser to today's final, ended with Scotland beating Yugoslavia 5-4 after extra time. Doug Brown, Joe Sweeney, Tommy Cumming, Dave Brogan and Gary McDowell scored for Scotland. Dragos Lacmanovic, Zdravko Ljilje, Vlatko Belic and Slobodan Jovanovic scored for Yugoslavia.

Is Lew Stafrace, VSF publicity and promotions officer, dreaming too much? Is his plan to revive the "World Cup" of the 1950's and 1960's doomed to failure? Will the Melbourne-based NSL clubs lay down their weapons strong enough to allow their players to play in a VSF tournament to celebrate 100 years of organised soccer in Victoria, run in conjunction with the State government's 150th year celebration?

VSF seeks NSL backing for All Nations Cup



Lew Stafrace

"I sincerely hope that the All Nations Cup is a huge success. I'd like nothing better than to see NSL players participating," said Stafrace.

"So far, I'm not making much headway with the NSL people. They keep saying to me that they won't open up the VSF until they get their money from ASF Marketing but that's not making a do with the VSF. We want to start an amateur event and the support given the All Nations Cup this November will decide whether or not it becomes an important part of Victorian soccer's calendar."

It is too much to hope that just once in 100 years, the Melbourne-based NSL clubs and the VSF will co-operate to provide us with a feast of soccer entertainment."

"I'm not one of those Federation officials who hope that the NSL fails. I hope that the NSL is a resounding success, especially now that the NSL people have re-

solved their promotion and relegation worries. Take a look at the Victorian State League and see just how competitive it is now. That's a direct result of the NSL opening up promotion to its ranks," said Stafrace.

He wasn't waving an olive branch in front of NSL bosses in order to get them on-side with his All Nations Cup plan. He was being sincere.

Stafrace's plan involves clubs taking over the responsibilities of fielding "national" teams. Hellas, for example, could be in charge of Greece, Albion Rovers in charge of Scotland, Juventus in charge of Italy and Ringwood Wilhelmina in charge of Holland. These clubs would appoint a coach to select his squad and provide strips and team managers.

Stafrace envisages at least 16 "nations" taking part. They would be split into four groups of four, the top two in each group at the end of a round-robin series, advancing to the second stage where eight teams

would be broken into two groups of four. The top two in these groups would enter the semi-finals.

So far, the VSF hasn't sent out written details of the planned tournament to Melbourne's eight NSL clubs. That will be done this week. Stafrace no doubt will be hoping for a much better response from the NSL clubs than was received from Victorian State League, Metropolitan League and Provisional League clubs. The VSF sent out letters to its member clubs on June 28, asking for clubs to come forward and sponsor "nations". The letters gave a 14-day period to reply and at the end of last week just three clubs had responded.

Stafrace hasn't given much thought yet to raising prizemoney for the tournament. The VSF has received a State government grant of \$2,500 to cover the cost of promoting and staging the All Nations Cup.

The cup, along with a gala centenary ball, both planned for November, will be the culmination of the VSF's centenary celebrations.



Peter Ollerton — down but not out

Ibro Cahut back home

By Walter Pless

Canberra Arrows youth team player, Ibro Cahut, 19, has returned to his former Tasmanian State League club, Croatia-Glenorchy, after the recent coaching changes at Canberra.

Cahut joined Arrows at the beginning of the year.

"There were problems with the coaching and with their organisation," he said. Cahut, 19, left Ferntree Gully because of the committee's interference and Stuart Dowlan, who took over from Vic, was sacked after only a week. I decided to return home because I just wasn't happy anymore."

Cahut represented Tasmania at youth level and he returned to a Croats side that is in sixth place. He played his first match a scoreless draw with Metro-Clarendon and he was one of the best players.

Watching him at training, he certainly has become a better player because of his time with Canberra Arrows. He looked much faster and fitter.

"My whole game has improved at least 50 per cent, if not 100 per cent," said the youngster. "It's difficult to point to just one thing. Speed is definitely one area of improvement and fitness is another."

He is content to just play the season out before trying him on the mainland again next year. "Doug Collins has asked me to come back next season to trial for the first team," Cahut said. "I don't think that coming back home will hamper my future, although I did give up a good public service job."



Ibro Cahut — picture by "The Mercury".

Cahut's father played for Croatia as a full-back for many years so Ibro is keen to uphold the family tradition.

In brief

• Veteran striker Domenico Penzo has moved to Naples from Juventus in a \$400,000 transfer. He had been with the Turin club for just one year.

• French champion Bordeaux has signed Fernando Chalana from Benfica. Chalana, Portugal's youngest ever international, was one of the outstanding successes of the recent European Championship finals.

• The much travelled Yugoslav Tomislav Ivic has been appointed coach of Benefica.

• Chile has withdrawn from the Olympic Games finals due to the refusal of its leading clubs to release players for the tournament.

Makedonia midfield weak; players don't get along: Ollerton

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Peter Ollerton says that Preston Makedonia's midfield is its biggest weakness and he has doubts about the players' ability to fight back from their series of poor recent results.

"Whether the players can pick themselves up now, I'm not too sure. I don't think so, but for Frank McAleer's sake I hope I'm wrong," said Ollerton, who was sacked as coach and player by Makedonia last week. McAleer, who had been Ollerton's assistant for the past two seasons, took over as coach.

"It's easy to say now, I suppose, but to be honest there's not a great deal of character in that side. Quite a few of the lads are too easily upset. You've got the Macedonian boys on one side and some British boys on the other side and some of them don't get on. We'd been able to stop that sort of thing in the past but it's been harder this year.

"I've got no big grudge against the club. I've always given my best and the club's looked after me in the past. I'm the longest-serving coach in the club's history. To stay at a club like Preston from midway through the 1981 season until last week was a major achievement as far as I'm concerned.

"The only thing that pisses me off is not being able to play. The club's done this to me after the transfer deadline has passed."

Ollerton would like nothing better right now than to play with his mate at Ferntree Gully in the Metropolitan Fourth Division and enjoy a few beers after each game.

He's appealing to the ASF over his enforced playing ban. He claims that he asked Makedonia president John Branov for a transfer at least six weeks ago, after being told by the team manager that some committee members thought he'd be better off concentrating on coaching. Ollerton claims that when he again asked Branov, about three weeks ago, the Makedonia president told him that the club had decided that he still was needed as a player.

Ollerton took up the challenge of returning to peak fitness.

"I trained my bloody guts out and for what? The club sacks me after the deadline and now I've got to wait until next year to start playing again. That's not right. There's no justice."

"I'm appealing to the ASF to try to enable me to join another club as a player even though the deadline has passed."

Makedonia supporters and committee members have put Ollerton's coaching and playing efforts under the microscope this year. Now, with Ollerton gone, it's the turn of Gary Cole, Graham Heys, Zarko Odzakov, Zoran Iloski and Con Opasinski to face close scrutiny.

"The fans have crucified Cole, Heys, Odzakov, Iloski and Opasinski this year. They've been calling for their heads for the past few weeks," said Ollerton.

"I really think that some players have been going onto the park frightened. I don't mean frightened about their personal safety but frightened to make mistakes out there because they know they'll cop a hell of slapping from the fans. As a consequence, some players have been hiding during games. They haven't really wanted the ball."

"The committee told me three weeks ago that they'd had a meeting to discuss the performances of Cole, Heys, Odzakov, Iloski and Opasinski. John Branov and the team manager told me that just because the club had spent money on players and just because they had big names didn't mean that I had to pick them every week."

"But that's never been the case with me and frankly it never will be. I always pick lads who I think will do the job. It's as simple as that. Even though Cole was in a rut as regards scoring, I always looked at his effort out there and I considered that he was putting in more than some of these so-called stars."

"Anyway I told these five players to their faces and in front of everybody that the club wasn't happy with their efforts and if they expected to be here next year then they'd better buck up."

"Anyway, who could I replace these players with? Have you seen Preston's youth team? Look at where they are in the league. Maybe one or two of these lads could last the 90 minutes but the rest aren't the best."

A measure of Ollerton's achievements at Makedonia can be seen in the rise in status of the first team squad since 1981. When he took over there were a lot of lesser-known players in the squad. Now the McMillans, Lucchesi, Potters, Petrovskis and Dobson of the NSL world are big names.

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Argentinian for APIA, 4 guns for Bergers?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Youth leagues

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE: B.U. Juventus 9, Knox City 8, Footscray JUST 7, JUFC 6, Melb Hellas 1, Frankston Pines 1, Sun-George Cross 1, Morell Falcons 1, Melb Croatia 1, Green Gully 0, Nunawading City 3, Heidelberg Alexander 1, Preston-Makedonia.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Melb Hellas	1	2	0	13	23	
Footscray JUST	1	2	3	13	21	
B.U. Juventus	0	3	2	13	20	
Heidelberg Alex.	0	1	4	12	19	
Melb Croatia	6	2	4	21	14	
Nunawading City	6	1	5	22	29	13
Green Gully	5	2	4	21	20	12
Morell Falcons	3	5	5	18	20	11
Frankston Pines	2	2	9	17	34	6
Knox City	2	12	8	61	2	

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: APIA Leichhardt 1, Canberra 1, Marconi 3, St George 1, Blacktown 3, Melb Eagles 3, Sunshine Hakoah 3, Olympic 0, Olympic Croatia 1, AIS 3, Wollongong 1.

Standings: APIA Leichhardt 19, St George 16, Sunshine Eagles 18, Sunshine 16, Canberra 16, Blacktown 16, Blacktown 12, Sunshine Hakoah 13, Olympic 13, Marconi 12, Penrith 10, Croatian 8, Wollongong 5.

VSF Travel top scorers

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- 10. D. Brown (SM).
- 8. Konstandopoulos (WA), Winn, Patterson (H'berg).
- 6. Sweeney (Juve), Brogan (M. Cr), Daunt, Cairney (BL).

Marconi has lost Renzo Colusso and Mateo Colucci without either of them playing a game, but APIA hopes for better luck with Argentinian midfielder Federico Alejandro Gordon, 26, from River Plate in Buenos Aires.

Gordon has been recommended by former APIA star Ricardo Campagne. "If you think I was good, then this boy is twice as good as me," Campagne told APIA secretary Frank Sibis.

Gordon, who has had 25 appearances in River Plate's senior team but has been playing in the reserves lately, will arrive in Sydney on July 26, on a two-year contract.

Sibis, however, says Gordon will have to produce all his Latin magic to break into the APIA team which is in top gear, with Arno Bertogna, John Bradley and Rob DeCeglie firing on all cylinders.

Another APIA victory seems inevitable on Sunday, when the Italian outfit takes on Blacktown at Gabbie Stadium.

Marconi intended up to 1 pm last Sunday to use Colusso against St George Budapest. However, an expected clearance from the Italian Soccer Federation failed to arrive, so Colusso was unable to play. He returns now to Italy, without having kicked a ball for Marconi.

At least he came to Sydney! Colucci, the Italian player who was to have had a guest stint with Marconi, didn't turn up at all because of visa problems.

Perhaps it's all for the best, as coach Les Scheinfeld now doesn't have to drop anyone from his winning team. With Craig Mason in a creative mood in midfield, Marconi should beat Canberra Arrows, whose coach Doug Collins was moved to comment after the loss to APIA last weekend that his midfield had been "rubbish" and his front line "a disgrace."

Heidelberg-Alexander coach Brian Garvey has an embarrassment of riches following the arrival of Scottish striker Stuart Stevenson. The other three strikers in the squad — Steve Winn, Paul Tzintzis and Scott Patterson — also are top-line players too valuable to drop. Perhaps Garvey should try using all four of them — David, John, Ian and the odd one in the middle.

Against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday, sweeper Charlie Yanicos returns after a two-week suspension, but left back John Gabriele is out for a long time with a chipped ankle bone.

The George Cross v Croatia match at Chaplin Reserve will be featured on Channel O's "Match of the Day" programme on Sunday night.

George Cross was unlucky not to beat Adelaide City Juventus last weekend, as Don MacLaren missed a penalty, but will find it harder against Croatia who has so much talent that it can't find regular positions for Socceroos Jim Campbell and Peter Lewis.

Keith Adams also is back from overseas, to add to the team selection problems of coach Tony Vrzina who, incidentally, is the only NSL coach not to have experienced defeat so far this season.

George Cross hopes to have Jim O'Reilly back from overseas to help counter the powerful Croatia attack. Croatia has the ability to score from anywhere — Bogdan Markovac, Biskic, Cummings, Goran Antolovic and Campbell if he plays, all have the goal-scoring know-how.

Green Gully should regain the services of full back David Hogben who was suspended last weekend, while Juventus looks a better side since the inclusion of Brian Brown from Scotland. Both teams are desperate — Green Gully because of the relegation threat; and Juventus because it wants to stay in the top five, so I expect a draw by two teams unwilling to risk mistakes.

Green Gully expects midfielder Gordon Wallace to arrive from Scotland on August 17 and David Smallman has been reinstated to the squad after a letter of apology over his behavior.



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MELBOURNE CROATIA	8	4	4	24	20	20
JUVENTUS	7	3	6	21	28	17
BRISBANE CITY	6	3	7	13	18	15
Makedonia	5	4	7	22	24	14
Brisbane Lions	5	4	7	22	25	14
Footscray JUST	5	3	8	17	18	13
W. Adelaide Hellas	5	3	8	25	27	13
Adelaide C. Juventus	5	3	8	15	17	13
Green Gully	4	4	8	16	23	12
George Cross	3	4	9	13	33	10

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY C. HAKOAH	11	4	1	43	9	26
APIA-LHARDT	9	4	3	27	16	22
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	2	3	18	21	
MARCONI	8	3	5	37	22	19
MELITA EAGLES	7	5	4	16	15	19
Penrith	5	6	5	20	23	16
Blacktown	6	4	6	21	26	16
Canberra	7	1	8	30	23	15
St. Geo. Budapest	5	5	6	22	23	15
Sydney Croatia	4	5	7	16	26	13
Newcastle Rosebud	5	2	9	18	32	12
Wollongong	3	10	13	36	9	

WADE CLOSES

Paul Wade of Green Gully has moved closer to leader John Bradley of APIA in the voting for the \$1500 Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

And Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken has consolidated third position.

John Kosmina remained the leader in the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award, with David Lowe of Marconi moving into equal second spot.

Top vote-getters:

63. Bradl (APIA)
51. Wade (APIA)
50. Franken (C)
42. McIntosh (P)
41. Kosmina (SC)
36. P. Tredinnick (APIA)
34. Wotherspoon (P)
33. McPherson (B)
32. Murphy (SM), McDowell (JUST), Katholos (SO)
31. Williams (GG), Biskic (Melb Cr), Hoare (Black), O'Reilly (GC), Bromfield (BC), Lowe (Marc)

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Brown 62nd) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Power 18th) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 208. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Blair own goal 54th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan 25th, Murphy 42nd) at Schinetti Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 6 — Curovic 8, Kyriakoules 7, McDowell 9, Hazeben 7 — Karic 5 (Caban 6th), Belic 7, O'Donnell 6 (Tunay 54th) — Carroll 7, Lamcovic 5 (sent off 70th), Lujic 8. Coach: Cedric Cirkovic.

HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Kalfatis 7, Postecoglou 7 — Davidson 7, Yezdorn 8, Halford 7, Murphy 7 — Brown 8, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Brandt (NR), 5. Dowie (BJ), 4. D. Jones (NR), 3. Johns (NR), 2. Brown (BJ), 1. Boogard (NR), 4. Egan (Hells), 3. Yezdorn (Hells), 2. Ljubic (JU). 1. Curovic (JU).

GREEN GULLY 2 (Wade 29th, Lewis 67th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Panagis 40th) at Green Gully reserve. Crowd 600. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — McClelland 6, Cannell 7, Williams 8, Macleod 5 — Sasse 8, Wade 8, Smart 6, McGuinness 6 — Carter 7, Lewis 7, Coach: Barry MacLachlan.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Siproul 7 — Hiern 7, Honeyman 6, McGachey 7, McGregor 8 — Brown 8, Manou 7, Panagis 8, Papadopoulos 6 (Mousouros 80th) — Melavazos 6 (Krytikos 72nd), Konstantopoulos 8. Coach: Sam Salabasidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Wade (GG), 5. Panagis (WA), 4. Williams (GG), 3. Konstandopoulos (WA), 2. McGregor (WA), 1. Denys (GG).

BRISBANE CITY 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Markovic 79th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1202. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Mengotti 5 (Fabrizio 62nd), Liddell, Milovanovic 6, Bromfield 6 — O'May 7, Plumb 7, Swan 7, Hughes 6 (Walsh 65th) — Gluecker 7, Hamilton 7, Coach: Guy Gilroy.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Denevko 5, Parton 7, Hannah 7, Goran 7, Bilek 7, Antolicovic 9, Gojevic 6 (Lewis 80th) — Markovic 9, Brogan 7, Cunningham 7 (Campbell 87th), Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best six for Boral Bricks best layer award: 6. Markovic (MC), 5. Antolicovic (MC), 4. Wishart (BC), 3. Plumb (BC), 2. Bilek (MC), 1. Brogan (MC).

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 1 (Villani 8th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Toal 66th) at Olympic Sportsfield. Crowd: 900. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7, Cecere 6 (Gateby 55th), Melta 8, Flounders 6, Nokhus 7 — Scarpa 7, Maxwell 6, Villani 7 — Talleric 6 (Walsh 65th) — Steverson 7 — Tait 8, O'Connor 8, Robertson 7 (sent off 64th), De Marigny 7 — Gomez 7, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Fletcher 6, (Murphy 70th), Kosmina 6, Lee 5 (Key 81st), Coach: Edmund Krest.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello 7 — Bain 7, Bennett 6, Scerri 6, Vitor 8 — Faulkner 7, MacLaren 7, Jovanovic 6 — Toal 8, McGorian 7, Latif 7, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Toal, 5. Melta, 4. McGorian, 3. Villani, 2. MacLaren, 1. Scarpa.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Patikas 36', 44') SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3677. Ratings by Roger Sherack:

PATIKAS: Gibson 8 — Brogan 7, Hale 8, McIntosh 8, Cross 7, — Campbell 7, Wotherspoon 7, Fitzharris 7, — Hunter 6, Easthorpe 6, Jackson 6, Coach: Willie Wallace.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7 — Cant 8, O'Connor 8, Robertson 7 (sent off 64th), De Marigny 7 — Gomez 7, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Fletcher 6, (Murphy 70th), Kosmina 6, Lee 5 (Key 81st), Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McIntosh (P), 5. Cant (SC), 4. O'Connor (SC), 3. Hale (P), 2. Gibson (P), 1. Wotherspoon (P).

APIA-LEICHARDT 2 (Cabell 42nd, De Ceglie 80th) CANTERBURY ARROWS 0 at Henson Park. Crowd: 1574. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:

APIA: Parks 8, Bozanic 7, Bertogna 9, Pullen 7, Brown 7; Gray 7, Butler 7, Tredinnick 6, Bradley 7, Caban 7, De Ceglie 8, Coach: F. Botalico.

CANTERBURY ARROWS: Franken 9, Ontong 6, Harkins 6, Redmond 7, Jones 6; Hogg 6 (Reid 69th), Germann 6 (Bryant 47' 6") Brockbank 6; Gibson 6, Farina 6, Phillips 6, Coach: D. Collins.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. A. Bertogna (A), 5. T. Redmond (C), 4. R. De Ceglie (A), 3. Park (A), 2. J. Bradley (A), 1. F. Botalico (C).

WOLLONGONG 3 (Kotamanidis 2, Beggs) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (McDonagh, Cairney) at Towradgi Park. Crowd: 500 approximately. Ratings by Phillip Miccallof:

WOLLONGONG: Tillett 7 — Green 7, Vlastela 7, Dickson 7, Fleming 7 — Hristov 7, Gaffney 7, Kerr 7 — Bundalo 7, Beggs 8, Kotamanidis 8, Coach: Adrian Alston.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow 7 — Jackson 7, Hunter 7, Vasquez 6, Niven 6 — McSkimmins 6, Stewart 6, Junia 6 — Daunt 6, McDonagh 6, Cairney 6 (Anderson 79th). Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Gaffney, 5. Beggs, 4. Kotamanidis 9, Vlastela 7, Hunter 7, Fleming 7.

MARKOVAC DAZZLES, BROGAN SUSPENDED?

Brisbane City 0
Mلب Croatia 1

Scorers: Markovac 79th.
Venue: Spencer Park
Cautions: Deankovic (MC)
28th, Brogan (MC) 87th.
Referee: Dave Nugent 7.

Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy described young striker Robert Markovac as the best prospect he had seen in the NSL this year after Melbourne Croatia had beaten Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Markovac, the former Victorian youth team player, scored Croatia's winner in the 79th minute, and although that was only an easy tap-in after a David Wishart shot had been parried by Kim Wishart, the youngster caused a lot of problems in the City defence.

"I knew nothing about him before the teams went on the park and I am surprised to learn he is so young. He is one of the first players I have seen who has been able to put it over Frank Liddell and that in itself is an indication of his ability."

"I certainly would love to have a player like Markovac at Spencer Park. I think he was the difference between the two teams today," Gilroy said.

Both teams attacked from the outset on a slippery surface. Much of the play was concentrated in the centre of the park which allowed City's master playmaker Frank Pimblett to dictate.

Croatia looked most dangerous when it swung the ball wide for the speedy Josip Biskic to attack down the flanks and the little winger nearly setup two goals in the first half.

In the 14th minute he beat two players to put in a high cross which Wishart could only punch to Cunington. His shot was blocked but rebounded for Brogan who in his haste to knock the ball into the net, scooped it over the top.

Ten minutes later Biskic's cross found Brogan at the far post but Wishart literally

punched the ball off Brogan's head to stop the goal.

Markovac was also not to score when he found himself unmarked in front of the goal. But as he tried to control a pass from the left the ball bobbed up and hit his elbow to bring a handball decision from referee Dave Nugent.

City's best opportunity of the half came when Liddell rose to head a Bromfield throw-in over Peter Blazby, but the attempt went fractionally off.

The success Biskic and Markovac were having when they ran at the City fullbacks prompted a half time decision by Croatia coach Tony Vrzina to concentrate all the second half attacks down the flanks. And the move worked well for Croatia.

Pimblett found the ball no longer came his way and he lost his control on the match.

City began to get stretched at the back and it was only some fine keeping from Wishart that kept the Brisbane team in the game for so long.

**B. Juventus 1
N. Rosebud 1**

Scorers: Brown 62nd (BJ), Power 18th (NR).
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.
Crowd: 808.
Cautions: Ward (BJ)
Referee: Sam Zoumas 8.

During the youth game I took time off from marveling at the skills of Juve's "little Platini", Renzo Minichello, to tell Brunswick Juventus coach John Margaritis that his mate Sam Zoumas was refereeing this match against Newcastle Rosebud.

Margaritis muttered in Greek, held his head in hands, sucked feverishly on a borrowed cigarette, then started pacing up and down from me.

"I'll have to sit in the grand-

**Man of the Match:
ROBERT MARKOVAC
(Mلب. Croatia)**



Ricky Rosso

Markovac went close in the 55th, 58th and 75th minutes while Brogan and Gojevic, but the attempt went fractionally off.

City's best attempt was a 72nd minute shot from Hamilton, which brought a good save from Blazby.

But it seemed only a matter of time before Croatia would break through and when Liddell failed to clear a Biskic shot, the half chance was all Brogan needed and he cracked his shot which eventually set up Markovac to the winner.

After the goal, Vrzina consolidated his defence by bringing on National B team player Peter Lewis, who should have been on the park in the first place ahead of the cumbersome Deankovic.

Croatia's other big-name substitute, Jim Campbell, was given a token run with three minutes to go.

The only disappointing aspect of the match for Croatia was the 87th minute booking of Brogan for an off-the-ball shoulder charge on Liddell. Referee Dave Nugent missed the incident but linesman Peter Murray flagged.

The booking is expected to take Brogan over the 12 point limit and suspended him from Croatia's clash against Sunshine-George Cross this weekend.

Deankovic also was cautioned in the 28th minute for what was a relatively harmless tackle on Bobby Hamilton.

Zoumas was sadly missed in Wollongong's previous match against Sivinak Hakoh.

**Man of the Match:
LARRY GAFFNEY
(Wollongong)**

Wollongong 3
Lions 2

Scorers: Kotamanidis 2, ins., Ward, Beagles (W); McDonaugh, Cairney (BL).
Venue: Towngate Park.
Crowd: 500.
Referee: Leighton 8.
Cautions: Dickson, Beagles (Wollongong), McSkinnings (L).

Wollongong midfielder Larry Gaffney's performance in leading his side to a surprising but deserved victory over Brisbane Lions was the highlight of the match.

The gritty midfielder, who has not been able to shake off a two-year-old hamstring injury, was the source of inspiration for his younger team mates who came back from two goals down to snatch a dramatic victory.

Thinking, perhaps, he was still a Brisbane City player in a derby against the "Auld enemy", the gallant midfielder won his duel with Russell Stewart hands down.

Gaffney was sadly missed in Wollongong's previous match against Sivinak Hakoh.

**Man of the Match:
SIMON BRANDT
(Newc. Rosebud)**

Newcastle Rosebud 1
Brisbane Lions 0

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What a good, honest player

is. Andrew Johns, the Newcastle Rosebud striker, He's

got good close control, is mobi-



Philip Micallef



Gaffney floors the old enemy

Vlietstra and the striker had no difficulty in putting the visitors two up.

Wollongong's reply was immediate.

Kotamanidis ran well to collect a fine through ball from Beagles and managed to slot the ball in off the upright.

Straight from the kick-off the Lions lost possession and Beagles again served Kotamanidis who fired a rising shot from a narrow angle.

In the second half both sides tried hard to break the deadlock but both defences stood firm.

But with only nine minutes to go, Wollongong scored.

Kotamanidis was pushed in the area by McSkinnings and Beagles capped a marvellous afternoon by putting away the resultant spot kick.

John Dowie's free kick in the 82nd minute was firmly headed by Brown, forcing Michael Hampton to tip over.

From the ensuing Swinstone corner, Brown, free at the near post, headed in to make it 1-1.

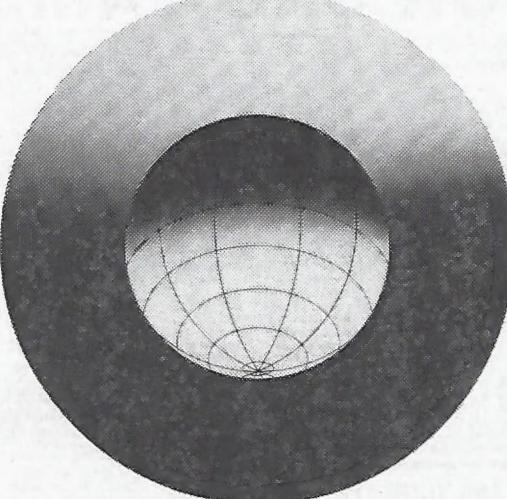
Juventus had decided to have a go in the second stanza and Brown's goal was the reward for a much more spirited Juve effort.

Nevertheless, take nothing away from Newcastle Rosebud. It recovered well from the set-back of leaving Brown unmarked for the equaliser and defended superbly. Robbie Collier and Zoumas tried to win at defenders but rarely got past, while Michael Boag and Power were aggressive and commanding as central defenders.

Newcastle Rosebud thoroughly deserved that point.

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Soper sets up both for Patikas

Man of the Match:
JIM PATIKAS
(Syd. Olympic)

Syd. Olympic 2
Syd. Croatia 0

*Scorer: Patikas 36th & 44th.
Venue: Pratton Park.
Crowd: 3677.*

A goal during injury time in the first half gave Olympic the boost it needed and took the sting out of the Croatian attack.

Olympic came close to scor-

ing after 10 minutes when Nick Theodorakopoulos hooked a shot over the bar from close range and brought a good save from Steve Watson in the Croatian goal with a snap shot soon after.

Zejko Jurin caused the Olympic defence some problems with his clever skills and positional play.

In the 23rd minute Jurin worked the ball down the wing

and crossed to unmarked Bernie Godzik but goalkeeper Guy Meier dived to Godzik's feet to smother the effort.

One goal charged back when Socceroo fullback Graham Jennings made a defence-splitting run down the left and slipped the ball to Marshall Soper.

Soper cut the ball back to Jim Patikas who crashed it into the net with a 20 metres drive.

Sydney Olympic was now controlling the match and its quick ball play was creating many openings in the Croatian defence.

With the first half into injury time, Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos figured in a neat passing movement before a shot at goal by Katholos was deflected to Soper.

Soper again headed the ball

into the path of the speedy Patikas whose shot rifled into the net to register a double for the former national youth team midfielder.

Olympic appeared to relax and played with little urgency in the second half.

This allowed Croatia back into the match but solid defence from Tony Dakos and Gary Phillips contained the opposition forwards.



Hunter back, busy

Man of the Match:
DAVE MCINTOSH
(Penrith)

Penrith O
SC-Hakoah O

Venue: Cook Park

Sydney Hakoah, reduced to 10 players for the final 25 minutes, held out a determined Penrith to cling to a 0-0 draw at Cook Park.

Hakoah lost International defender Alex Robertson midway through the second half when he was sent off by referee Tim Davies after earlier receiving a yellow card.

Hakoah went into the match as hot favorite, with a five-point lead at the top of the Australian Conference but tight marking and aggressive attacking by Penrith kept them scoreless.

In fact, Penrith had its chances to snatch victory.

The first came in the 28th minute when reinstated striker Ian Hunter intercepted a pass across the Hakoah backline.

Hunter offloaded to young striker Randall Easthorpe but he struck the ball wildly, sending it well wide of the goal.

Hakoah's best chance came in the 59th minute when socceroo striker John Kosmina climbed high but put his header wide.

Five minutes later Robertson was sent from the field after a tackle on Hunter near the sideline.

In the 68th minute, Hunter intercepted a poor back-pass, but he managed only to put the ball straight into goalkeeper Tony Pezzano's arms from an acute angle.

The most clear-cut chance for the Panthers came with just four minutes remaining when Hunter beat Pezzano with a low left-foot shot, but Hakoah right-back Jimmy Cant rescued his side from defeat by clearing the ball off the line.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thompson was happy to leave Cook Park with a point and praised Penrith's effort.

Penrith coach Willie Wallace was also pleased, although he said his side could have snatched victory.

"I was pleased with the effort that was put in, and if we take our chances we will definitely be a threat in future games," Wallace said.

Stevenson makes mark, angry Cole taken off

Man of the Match:
MIKE PETERSEN
Heidelberg



Heidelberg 2
Makedonia 1

*Scorers: 0-1 Odzakov 5m,
1-1 Winn 8m, 2-1 Winn 17m
Venue: Olympic Village
Referee: Peter Stevenson
Cautions: McKie (H), Campbell (M), Lucchesi (PM).*

Makedonia president John Branov has ruled out any possibility of Rale Rasic being appointed coach of the club in the immediate future.

Rumors of Rasic's imminent appointment circulated over the weekend and Olympic Village buzzed with reports that Rasic already had been appointed.

"If Rasic is going to be coach, it would be great. I could be very out because it means that people would have been approaching him behind my back," Branov said.

"I have been involved in Makedonia's decision-making process up till now but I know absolutely nothing about this one."

"I'm not saying Rale hasn't got the credentials for the job, but up till now the only decision the committee has made is to give Frank McAleer the chance to look after the team in a caretaker position."

McAleer himself had heard the rumors and asked for a clear-cut statement from Branov on where he (Mc Aleer) stands.

"It's not fair to me, the players and the youth team unless I know exactly where I stand," McAleer said.

"I am prepared to take charge till the end of the season and be judged on that."

McAleer can take heart from the renewed commitment the side showed in this game despite the final result.

Makedonia again gave away an early lead this time what McAleer termed as "two easy goals" but there was a spirited fightback from the side which did not stop until referee Chris Bambridge's final whistle.

"We didn't deserve to lose. We had a goal disallowed over a dubious offside decision and were denied a clear-cut penalty when George McMillan was brought down in the area late in the second half," McAleer said.

But when you're down the breaks go against you."

Zarko Odzakov gave Makedonia a perfect start when he latched onto a punched clearance from Jeff Oliver following a cross from the right by George Campbell. Odzakov made no mistake with his final shot, putting the ball out of Oliver's reach after only five minutes of play.

But the lead lasted only three minutes.

Makedonia's defence froze amid claims by Heidelberg for handball in the area following a cross from Scott Patterson, and Steve Winn took advantage of the lull to control a bad bouncing ball and hammer it into the roof of the net.

Winn, who continues to make a habit of scoring goals in twos and threes, netted what turned out to be the eventual winner in the 17th minute, with a shot from the edge of the box after playing a one-two with Patterson in a move started with a centre from scottish import Stuart Stevenson.

Stevenson had a lively debut, showing some fine ball control and moving into a number of good scoring positions only to be denied the chance of scoring because of a lack of understanding with the other forwards.

Once the striking force

starts working on the same wavelength, Stevenson will prove a valuable addition to Heidelberg's championship challenge.

The architect of Heidelberg's win was midfielder Mike Petersen who complemented his skill on the ball and his excellent distribution with a non-stop running performance.

Heidelberg finished well on top at the end of the first half but was unsettled by the renewed fighting spirit of Makedonia after the break.

Claude Lucchesi appeared

to have equalised when he slammed home Odzakov's cross in the 50th minute but the new-arrived fighter of Makedonia after the break.

Police stepped onto the running track behind Hemmes before play resumed.

Oliver had to come off his line smartly to block Lucchesi after the striker was put through by a good pass from Con Opasini.

With the minutes ticking away, McAleer took off Gary Cole and George Campbell and switched George McMillan from midfield to Cole's striking position.

McAleer did not take the substitution kindly and gestured to the crowd and jeers as he slumped into his seat way back to the dressing room.

McAleer is undecided about whether to use Cole for this week's game against Adelaide Juventus but the decision may be taken from him as Lucchesi is likely to be out with the maximum penalty points total after being booked in Sunday's game.

McAleer's chance of using Gordon Flavell this week evaporated as the midfielder was sent off for dissent in the youth team game which Makedonia won 2-1 before the main match.

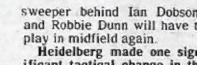
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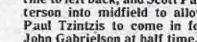
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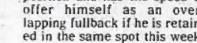
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Steve Winn of Heidelberg soars to challenge Makedonia goalkeeper Steve Potter. Below them are, from left: Stuart Stevenson, George Campbell and George McMillan. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

MARCONI HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS



Man of the Match:
MARK JANKOVICS
(Marconi)

Marconi 4
St George 1

*Scorers: Jankovics 16th,
Slater 25th, Sharne 35th,
McCullough pen 60th, Henderson 87th.*

Venue: Marconi Stadium.

Crowd: 1411.

Referee: P. Rampley 6.

Yellow cards: Henderson,

Rizzotto (Marconi), Ricoy,

Danaskos (St George).

Renato Colusso returned to Marconi stadium but failed to make an appearance in his old club's colours. His new club, Salernitana of Salerno, would not budge and Colusso watched his old team destroy St George from the comfort of the Press box.

After watching Marconi put St George to rest with power-packed play I wonder if Colusso could have done much more.

From the moment Joe Ricozzo raced through the Saints' defence in the seventh minute to face Young, we knew Marconi was intent on giving its crowd value for money despite the absence of Colusso.

Rizzotto looked set to score but his first shot was brilliantly saved by Young. Rizzotto had a second bite of the cherry as the ball bounced back at him, but his left-footer sailed past an empty net.

Mark Jankovics put on one of his best performances yet, with a non-stop performance and a goal which put his side on the road to victory. He was on the spot to pick up a header by Mason, then lob the advancing Young to make it 1-0 in the 18th minute.

Robbie Slater equalised



Mark Jankovics – brilliant performance against St George.

from a neat 1-2 with Andrew Kocica 10 minutes later and Saints, just for a moment, looked as ready to bounce back. However, Rod Brown ended Saints' hopes after combining with Jankovics to provide Peter Sharne with the easiest of goals to send Marconi with a one-goal lead at half time.

With their tails up, the Marconi players continued to look dangerous in the second period and added further goals through Tommy McCullough in the 60th and Tony Henderson in the 77th.

If it's not Lowe, Brown and Sharne, certainly the fastest forward line in Australia, then watch out for Jankovics, McCullough and Mason.

And with it top all, watch out for those set-plays with Henderson, Jankovics and Calderan inside the area!

As for Saints, it is difficult to assess their strength without Robbie O'Shea, Mark Barton and Dez Marton. Hard as they tried, Danaskos, Ricoy and Batten just could not replace their better-known team-mates.

Once the striking force

facing Young), I could not help feel that Saints were not outclassed to the tune of three goals.

Slater in the 62nd and Andy Kocica in the 80th had the easiest of opportunities to beat James but failed.

Marconi has consolidated its position in the top five and more importantly looks like a side that wants to go places.

Being a regular at Marconi stadium, I can certify that this Marconi outfit is hungry and from here on will take some time.

If it's not Lowe, Brown and Sharne, certainly the fastest forward line in Australia, then watch out for Jankovics, McCullough and Mason.

And while Marconi and its coach Les Scheinflug celebrated their big win over the champions (it could have been bigger had Sharne and Rizzotto found their mark when

Xanthopoulos aims to overtake Bedford



Arthur Xanthopoulos (left), marking Charlie George in a SM-Hellas-St. George Budapest match in 1977.



Top: Xanthopoulos (right) with the Jimmy Mackay Golden Boot award as 1978 under 21 Player of the Year, and Murray himself. Left: Xanthopoulos (right) marking St. George guest player Francis Lee in 1978.

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STARS STATE

By ALEX

Below is my choice of players, in positions, half-good measure, I've also ch

IAN BAR
(Poloni)

MICK KELLY TERRY BERTRAM
(Auburn) (Ku-Ring-gai)

TOM STEVEN WALTER
(Manly) (Inter I)

TONY BRENNAN ROSS B
(Inter Monaro) (Rockie)

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(Bankside)

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(Sutherland) (Suther)

A. MONTEROSO GARY
(Inter Monaro) (Aw)

Jones Groome



Giampaolo



Jones

Groome

Moore, Cassar click but Dunn

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

When Bobby McLachlan coached Green Gully in 1981, he didn't think his team was as good as Melbourne Croatia and wouldn't be drawn into comment about Gully's title chances.

Green Gully won the Victorian State League championship by six points in 1981. It also won the Dockerty and Ampol Cups that year.

So when Morwell Falcons' coach Jimmy Dunne says his team isn't quite as good as Port Melbourne and refuses to talk about Falcons winning the title, other title contenders had better watch out!

Dunne played for Gully under McLachlan in 1980. It was the start of Gully's surge to glory. After finishing third-last in State League the previous season, Gully finished third in 1980 and Dunn won the Bill Fleming Medal.

The next season, McLachlan used the \$10,000 Gully received for Dunne's transfer to Brisbane City to revamp the Gully first team squad and while Gully stayed at the top of the Victorian tree in 1981 and 1982, Dunne's career came to a violent end.

He broke his leg while playing against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schineller Reserve in an N.S.L. match, in April 1982.

"If I'd finished that season okay I'd probably have looked around for a player-coaching job anyway. The one thing that made me bitter about the in-

cident was that no-one from Footscray J.U.S.T. came to visit me. I was in Footscray hospital for 13 days. The player who broke my leg never even phoned to ask how I was getting on," said Dunne.

It was the end of a star-studded playing career. Dunne was signed by English club Millwall as a 16-year-old, switched to Torquay United in 1968, then was signed by Fulham for \$34,000 in 1970. Five years later he spent a season in South Africa with Durban City, then rejoined Fulham. He returned to Torquay in the latter half of the 1970's before joining Green Gully in 1980.

Dunne made two appearances for the Republic of Ireland, one a full international. He also won youth caps for Ireland.

"After getting over the broken leg I returned to Torquay but there wasn't much happening coaching-wise there. I had thoughts about going to the U.S. or to Canada when the Morwell team came along. I was trying to get players for Green Gully and Morwell at the time. Wally Dean, the team manager at Morwell, was talking to me on the phone and I said to him to keep



Jimmy Dunne, (left), now coach of Morwell Falcons, celebrates his 1980 Bill Fleming Medal win, with Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan (centre) and team-mate Billy Vojtek, a previous Fleming Medal winner.

his eyes and ears open for any coaching jobs in Australia. Not long after that conversation he phoned me and asked me to send a letter with all my career details to him and in the end Morwell offered me the coaching job."

"I paid my own air fare and flew over here for two days to look at the set-up. I liked what I saw. The facilities were good, so

was the pitch, and I knew some of the players. I didn't want to haggle too much over things. I agreed terms and went back home to get the move fixed up."

Dunne is married and has a 13-year-old son, Nicholas, and a six-year-old daughter, Tracey. Settling in Morwell hasn't been easy. Tracey has developed asthma. Dunne puts it down to "the smog. It's a highly industrialised area."

And Dunne's had teething problems with the team. Understandably so, for this is his first coaching job.

"When I took over at Morwell everyone was throwing player names at me left, right and centre. I'm prepared to listen because I'm learning as a coach but in the end, you've got to make up your own mind about who you should or shouldn't sign

Morwell F. 2
Box Hill 2

Scorers: Moore (penalty 29th), penalty 59th (MF); Smith 17th, 79th (Box Hill).
Venue: North Cringan Reserve.

Jimmy Dunne and Bill Murray are light years apart in the views they hold about football.

Dunne, commenting on Morwell creating the clearer-cut chances in the second half, thought that his side was unlucky not to win. Murray, probably looking at Box Hill's possession and use of the ball, and overall team discipline, would be quite content to play Morwell Falcons every week.

My opinion falls somewhere between these diverse viewpoints. I feel that Morwell's Russell Athersych really had a great chance to decide this match at a crucial stage of the second half. I also felt that Box Hill's tremendous character stood out, for I thought the

Dunne, Murray at odds

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hillmen were gone when Morwell took a 2-1 lead but Murray's young men powered their way back into the match and almost snatched a win thanks to a bad passback from Jim Train, the Morwell left back. However, Box Hill's Brian Keenan was just beaten to the ball by Morwell goalie Bill Whiteside.

God knows what Dunne would have said to his players after the game, had Keenan scored what clearly would have been the winner. The effect of Dunne's half time speech at best can be likened to a mild earth tremor. Morwell's dressing room backs onto the club's V.I.P. room. Being a very insignificant person I, of course, was in the V.I.P. room, witnessing the curious phenomenon of glasses rattling, ashtrays chinking to

gether and a wall vibrating as Dunne let fly with a barrage of abuse at a level which not only puts the larynx under intense strain but also invites a sudden collapse of the cardio-vascular system.

Dunne was incensed at the way Box Hill players won almost every 50/50 ball. Indeed, Morwell players were mere onlookers for the opening 20 minutes, for it took that long for the home side to create its first chance.

And in that time, Box Hill scored a gem of a goal and could have had another after Train, in trying to clear, blasted the ball against a team mate. Fortunately for Morwell, only a corner eventuated. Box Hill's goal came from a

superb, first time volley by Steve Smith, following a Brian Keenan cross.

When Morwell finally got forward, Ian Stirtton knocked the ball just wide of the far post.

Morwell equalised from the penalty spot in the 29th minute after Dave Brooks tripped Athersych just inside the area. Steve Moore strikes his penalties crisply and confidently. This one was no exception.

Two minutes later a Moore shot was blocked and John O'Callaghan blasted the rebound well over, then Andy Hughes staked a first timer centimetres wide of the far post with Whiteside scrambling to get down.

Morwell exposed the Hill-

men at the back in the second half.

A great chip to the far post from Stirtton in the 49th minute gave Athersych a free header four metres out. He did the hard thing and headed wide.

Four minutes later Athersych broke clear but John McKinlay charged off his line and won the ball well at Athersych's feet.

Morwell hit the front in the 59th minute. A superb far post cross from Jim MacLean was destined for Stirtton's head until Dean Hennessy palmed the ball clear. Referee Mike Gau pointed to the penalty spot and Moore scored his 12th league goal this season. Not bad for a midfielder.

Athersych should have given Morwell what surely would have been a safe, two-goal cushion in the 89th minute.

MacLean put him through but Athersych's chip went over both McKinlay and the bar.

Brian Keenan hit a piledriver from 20 metres in the 73rd minute, sending the ball whistling past the far post. Six minutes later scores were level.

Keenan was at the far post as the ball was knocked low from the left. He seemed to have lost his chance by not shooting first time and White-side had charged off his line to close Keenan down. The ball ran to Smith about 15 metres out. He took one touch to tee it up. The second touch sent it screaming into the roof of the Morwell net.



Buffalo State League Ladder

	W	D	L	F	S	A	Pts
FAWKNER	11	3	2	42	21	25	
MORWELL F.	9	6	1	29	10	24	
POLONIA	9	5	2	37	19	23	
BOX HILL	8	7	1	29	16	23	
West Subs.	7	4	5	30	29	18	
Albion R.	6	5	5	16	19	17	
Croydon	7	2	7	19	22	16	
Northcote	7	1	8	34	26	15	
F'ston Pines	4	6	6	18	23	14	
Wilhelmina	3	6	7	23	27	12	
Knox City	4	4	8	22	37	12	
St Albans	2	6	8	19	32	10	
Devon	2	4	10	14	28	8	
Broadmeadows	3	1	12	11	34	7	
ALBION ROVERS 3 (Robertson 5th, 25th, Douglas 75th) BROADMEADOWS 1 (Vaccaro 44th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.							

Devon secretary Jim MacLean is confident that his team will upset Morwell Falcons' title hopes at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

"We had to make about five changes to the side for last week's game against Ringwood but we're hoping to have Matt McDonald, Graham Watson, Don Sutherland and Tony Kaiser back this week," said MacLean.

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Paul Degney sent off, Bankstown hit for six

State League ladder	
ROCKDALE.....	10 4 2 32 15 24
INTER MONARO.....	9 5 2 48 21 23
MANLY WARR.....	7 2 2 27 10 21
SUTHERLAND.....	8 5 3 25 13 21
Auburn.....	6 6 4 14 13 18
Canterbury.....	5 5 6 17 28 15
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	4 6 6 20 26 14
Polonia.....	4 5 7 14 22 13
Avala.....	4 5 7 23 33 13
Yugal.....	3 5 8 24 24 11
Warringah Narabeen.....	3 4 9 17 31 10
Bankstown.....	2 5 9 14 38 9

THIS WEEK

Saturday: At Cromer Park Manly v. Narabeen.
 Sunday: At Knight Park — AVALA v. POLONIA; At Mona Park — AUBURN v. KU-RING-GAI; At Hurstville Oval — ROCKDALE v. SUTHERLAND; At Marco Polo — INTER v. YUGAL; At Potts Park — BANKSTOWN v. CANTERBURY.

POLONIA 1 (Nowak 33rd) MANLY WARRINGAH 0

at Canterbury Park.

POLONIA: Barker 8, — Jordan 7, Fogarty 7, Gallas 7, Pratt 6, — Nowak 7, Vanderberg 8, Kowalczyk 7, Ovacrek 7 (Juchnowicz 80th), Lumsdaine 5, Sobczyk 6.

MANLY: Cassettari 6, — Pagano 6, Dick 7, Doyle 7, Lynch 5, — McBreen 6, Steven 8, Jones 7 — Fox 5, Leah 7, Stuart 6.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN 0 INTER MONARO 2

(Valori 38th, Brennen 90th) at Narabeen Sports Centre.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN: P. Dean 8, — Sorge 7, Rylands 8, Garrett 7, Mahoney 7, Collings 6 (Irving 70th), — A. Dean 6, Jack 6 (Griffin 46th-7), Bullock 7, — Rimmer 6, McLean 6.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 9, — Domotrovic 1, Santolin 6, Ambrusino 7, Williams 5 (Frakes 68th), — Wilson 6, Farrell 8, Valeri 7, — Monterosso 6 (Vilke 70th), Brennan 7, Gianpaolo 7.

SUTHERLAND 1 (Rogers) AUBURN 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Dert 7, — Hesford 7, Schumann 8, Dalforno 8, Nelson 7, — Webber 8, Rogers 7, Stoddart 7, Groome 7 — Gray 5 (Conner 46th-6), Hargraves.

AUBURN: Rosano 8, — Kelly 6, Watt 7, Planinic 6, Geekie 7, — Akots 8, Ceraner 6, Parfitt 7, Townsend 6, — Knight 7, O'Shane 6 (Benehal 68th).

WARRINGAH NARABEEN 1 (Griffin 55th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Stuart 25th) at Narabeen.

NARABEEN: Dean 8, — Sorge 8, Mahoney 7, Rylands 7, Garrett 6 (sent off 50th), Hanley 7, — A. Dean 6, Griffin 6, Bullock 7, Rimmer 7, — McLean 6.

MANLY: Cassettari 7, — Pagano 6, Dick 7, Doyle 7, Williamson 7, — McBreen 5, Steven 6, Jones 7, — Fox 5 — Barker 55th), Panes 5, Stuart 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Trajanovski 12th, Degney 20th, Brown 24th Pen) CANTERBURY 1 (Titlas 56th) at Arlington Oval.

ROCKDALE: Kotsambasis 7 (75th Laris), — Degney 7 (sent off 60th), Pilout 7, D. Wilson 7, G. Wilson 7, — Slavek 7, Nastevski 6, Jones 6 — Trajanovski 6, Brown 7, Karanfilov 6 (Ristevski 78th).

CANTERBURY: Konitic 6, — Antonopoulos 6, Efimiaades 7, Titlas 7, Mlakovic 8 (Laws 56th — 7), — Aganostopoulos 6, Hall 8, Petas 7, — Dounis 5, Andreau 5.

AVALA 1 (Budini 82nd) KU-RING-GAI 0 at Parklands Oval.

AVALA: Thurlow 8, — Harris 7, Budini 8, Mackenzie C. 6, Da Silva 5 (Mackenzie D. 80th), — Duvnjak 8, Williams 8, Kodor 6 — Rodriguez 6 (Stamnokovic 87th), Bonic 7, Milne 6.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 7, Bertram 8, Watson 7, Jeffery 9, Jesse 7, — Harper 7, Bonic 7, Williamson 7, Tracey 6, Jeffery 5, Bass 5.

YUGAL 6 (Jesic 5th, 36th, 67th, 80th, Zivkovic 2nd, Thamnides 47th) BANKSTOWN 1 (Kennedy 10th) at Fraser Park.

YUGAL: Beny 7, — Marco 7 (Tomasich 46th — 7), Forrester 8, J. Clarke 8, Gibson 6, — Pahor 7 (P. Clarke 78th), Jesic 10, Zivkovic 8, — Rodas 6, Thamnides 8, Tanovski 8.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman 6, — Kennedy 5, Blackbum 6, Cootes 6, Agostoni 5, — Meerbani 7, Hammoud 5, Geni 5, — Housseini 5, Parker, Hassan 5

Rockdale and Inter Monaro have opened up a nice gap after last weekend's matches with Inter Monaro collecting a two pointer at the expense of Narabeen, while Rockdale subdued Canterbury. Manly lost three out of a possible four points over the weekend and has slipped behind in the title race.

Mark Holloway and Steve Leak are on the injured list, while other players are performing well beyond standard. Sutherland defeated Auburn at Seymour Shaw Park but still has a huge problem in the goalscoring department. As for Auburn, with only one recognized attacker the side is doing well to keep in touch with the leaders.

Ku-Rin-Gai, after some fine performances in recent weeks, stumbled at Parklands Oval against Avala, while Canterbury was very lucky to lose by only two goals against Rockdale.

Polonia 1 Manly 0

Scorer: Wojtek Nowak

33rd.

Venue: Chopin Park.

Wojtek Nowak and Rick Vanderberg were the home side's stars as Polonia defeated Manly at Chopin Park by the narrowest of margins.

Nowak, a polished Polish midfielder, scored the winner with a 30 metre shot which deceived Chris Tassaris to give Polonia its first half lead, while Rick Vanderberg, only 17, played his best game of the year to blot out Manly's Tom Stevens.

Richard Alagich, Manly's coach, made no bones about the unexpected loss.

"I felt we had most of the play and the chances but it is hard to get the points without the goals. We played well enough and I couldn't be too critical of myself, but it is difficult to comprehend those misses from right in front," he said.

"I feel Manly will rue its misses. Polonia must feel a much more confident outfit following its win. Heniek Owarcik is back, Kowalczyk, Nowak and Sobczyk are putting in a far better effort, while Ian Barker in goal is

much improved."

The battle for the top four continued at Seymour Shaw in earnest. Sutherland, eager to avenge its first round defeat at the hands of Auburn managed to do just that and won by the narrowest of margins.

Craig Rogers was at the end of a fine move by Stodart and



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Gray to hook one home from 16 metres. It was the second goal of the season for the youngster and he won't score a more important goal all year.

Sutherland has moved into fourth spot, three points away from Auburn and only three away from the top team Rockdale.

While most celebrated at Sutherland, Nigel Groome must be dreaming about a man called Rosano, for the Auburn keeper saved Groome's penalty in the 26th minute.

Auburn wasn't without its chances and could easily have snatched a point. O'Shane missed an opportunity after only four minutes, after Ross Carney and Chris Townson provided the space work. David Watt's shot was cleared off the line after 10 minutes, then it was O'Shane again minutes after the restart. Steve Knight found O'Shane with a well placed free kick but the burly striker fired over the bar.

For Sutherland, Hargraves and Rogers missed opportunities in the 34th and 64th, but in the end it mattered little to the final scoreline.

Narrabeen 1 Manly 1

Scorer: Griffin 55th, Stuart 25th.

Venue: Narrabeen Sports Centre

Much was said about the two sides from the North of the Harbour. Manly, at one stage the runaway league leader looked set to take the title until a spate of injuries disrupted its rhythm.

Manly failed to deliver the goods last Sunday, but one must remember that Holloway and Leak were not in the side and without those two it is hard to score goals.

In fact, it was an even game with Manly taking the lead during the first period after Dudley Fox provided the cross for Robbie Stuart to score. Narrabeen equalised

through Greg Griffin soon after the start of the second period and the sides stayed level at 1-1.

Manly failed to capitalise after Garrett was sent off for retaliating against Simon Panes.

Canterbury 1 Rockdale 3

Scorer: Trajanovski 12th, Degney 20th, Brown Pen. 24th, Titlas 55th.

Venue: Arlington Oval.

Iliend raced into an early lead through Trajanovski following a fine move by Rockdale, then added another through Paul Degney after 20 minutes. Ken Davies provided the pass and Titlas scored with a shot from an acute angle.

When Titlas handled inside his own area and Ross Brown scored number three after 24 minutes the home team looked set for a hammering.

But it wasn't to be.

Rockdale continued to dominate, even after the sending off of Paul Degney but just could not put the ball in the net. At times Iliend players had it at their mercy with Kostas stranded but still couldn't score.

In the end, Titlas scrambled one back from a goalmouth melee to make the score respectable.

Hija Takao, Iliend's coach, was furious about Degney's dismissal.

It will be interesting to see what happens at the judiciary. Degney, sent off for the first time in his career will face Don Morrison and Roger Devick, two of his early mentors at Sutherland!

Ku-Ring-Gai 0 Avila 1

Scorer: Budini 82nd.

Venue: Parklands Oval.

In an evenly fought game at Parklands, Avila got the nod with a late goal by Ricky Budini.

Nikola Duvnjak took a free kick, floating the ball to the far post for Budini to head past

Andrew Prentice and give Avila its first two pointer since round 10. It was fitting that Duvnjak was involved in the goal for he was the best player on the park and an inspiration to his team mates.

Ku-Ring-Gai battled hard and had chances to score during both periods but failed to come to terms with this bumpy surface. The home side looked the better team and had the opening chance, but had Thurlow take the ropes. Andy Tracy, Neale Williamson and Craig Bass shot just wide during this period, with Bertram heading one just over the bar.

Avila came back during the second period and had its own share of chances before Budini's decide-

Yugal 6 Bankstown 1

Scorer: Jesic 5th, 36th, 67th, 80th, Zivkovic 2nd, Thamnides 47th, Kennedy 10th.

Venue: Fraser Park.

Bankstown was hammered at Fraser Park and looks doomed to do worse in the lower grade competition next season. It is hard to see how the club will pick up points in the last six rounds with Inter Monaro, Manly, Auburn and Rockdale among its opponents.

In fact, it is hard to imagine Bankstown taking points from anywhere in the way the side is playing at the moment.

Yugal ran rings around Bankstown scoring three goals in each half and missing a penalty in the process. Had the dark blues scored from all available chances David Lohman would have been a sorry figure at the end of the match.

Radosav Jesic was the star, helping himself to four goals. Ljubo Zivkovic and Chris Thamnides added the other two while Eddie Panos' penalty was saved by Lohman.

Panelski was unlucky to be played by Peter Clarke and seconds later Jesic made it 6-1 from a build up by Clarke!

Yugal has scored 10 goals in two matches and Inter Monaro will have its work cut out against this in-form side at Queenbeyan this week.



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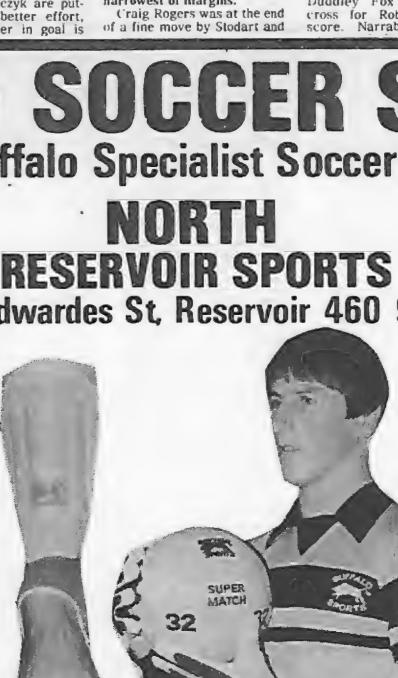
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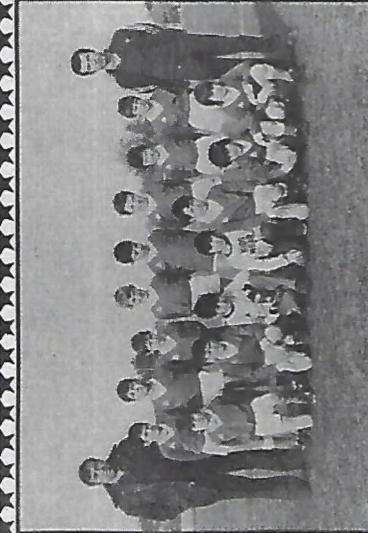
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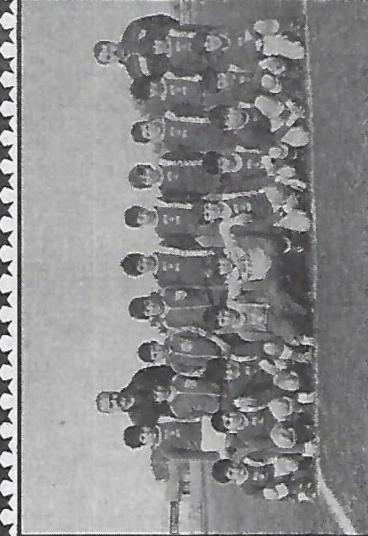


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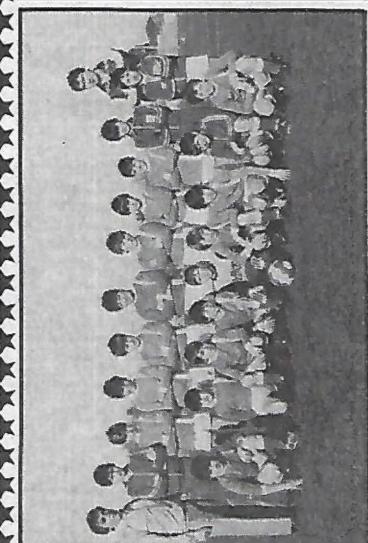
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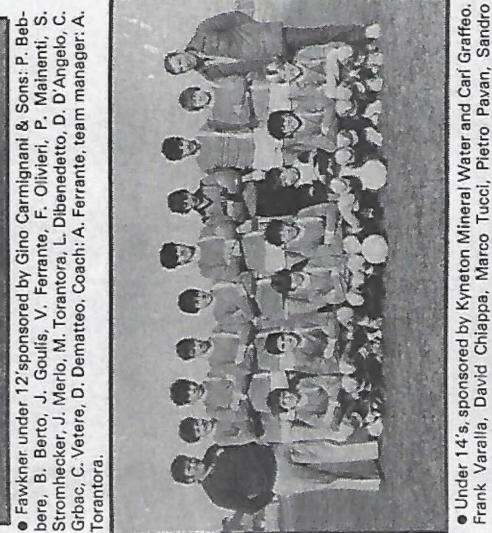
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Fawkner's stars of the future

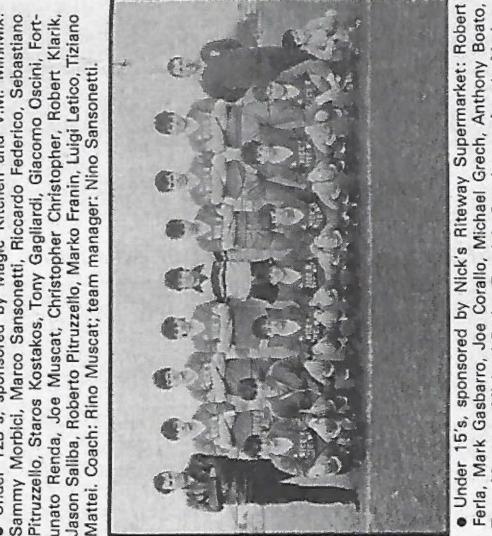
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TOP SOCCER

THIS SUNDAY JULY 22



NATIONAL CONFERENCE



*Joe Angele
Heidelberg*

**Brisbane City v
Heidelberg**

Spencer Park 3pm
Previous NSL results
Brisbane City 2 wins
Heidelberg 7 wins
5 draws



*Paul Wade
Green Gully*

Juventus v Green Gully

Olympic Park No. 2

Previous NSL results
Juventus 1 win



*Ralph Maier
Newcastle*

**South Melbourne v
Newcastle**

Middle Park 3pm
Previous NSL results
South 4 wins
Newcastle 4 wins
4 draws

**Sunshine George Cross v
Melbourne Croatia**

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

Previous NSL results
Melbourne Croatia 1 win



*Steve Gojevic
Croatia*

Preston v Adelaide City

Connor Reserve 3pm

Previous NSL results
Preston 4 wins
Adelaide City 1 win 2 draws



*Nello Scarpa
Adelaide City*

**West Adelaide v
Footscray**

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm

Previous NSL results
West Adelaide 7 wins
Footscray 3 wins
3 draws



*Theo
Stamatopoulos
West Adelaide*

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



*Phil O'Connor
Blacktown*

**Blacktown City v
Leichhardt**

Gabbie Stadium 3pm
Previous NSL results
Leichhardt 3 wins
2 draws

**Canberra Arrows v
Marconi**

Bruce Stadium 3pm
Previous NSL results
Canberra 4 wins
Marconi 4 wins
6 draws



*ANDREW BROCKBANK
Canberra*



*David Ratchiffe
St George*

**St George v
Melita Eagles**

St George Stadium 3pm
Previous NSL results
Melita Eagles 1 win

**Sydney City v
Sydney Olympic**

Sydney Athletic Field 3pm
Previous NSL results
Sydney City 9 wins
Sydney Olympic 2 wins
2 draws



*WILLIE MURRAY
Sydney City*



*Russell Stewart
Brisbane Lions*

**Sydney Croatia v
Brisbane Lions**

King Tomislav Park 3pm
Previous NSL results
1 draw

**Wollongong City v
Penrith City**

Wollongong Showgrounds 3pm
Previous NSL results
Penrith 1 win



*Natch Vardareff
Wollongong*